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Subject: Microsoft Settlement.

I am writing to you in regards to whether the Microsoft case, should be settled, or further litigated. I think it should be settled and be done with! Despite the aggressive lobbying efforts of a few of Microsoft's competitors, the federal government and nine states finally reached a comprehensive agreement with Microsoft to address the reduced liability found in the Court of Appeals ruling. This settlement is tough, but reasonable and fair to all parties involved. Consumers overwhelmingly agree that settlement is good for them, the industry and the American economy.

Unfortunately, a few special interests are attempting to use this review period to derail the settlement and prolong this litigation even in the midst of uncertain economic times. The last thing the American economy needs is more litigation that benefits only a few wealthy competitors and/or lawyers, and stifles innovation. If someone out there thinks that there is or ought to be a better operating system or software, let them get off their duffs and write the code for it, instead of trying to ride the coat tails of a successful corporation.

Don't let these special interests defeat the public interest.

I would venture an opinion that the 9 states that are hanging out, are more jealous than anything else, or have other special interests, directing their actions to prolong the settlement. Let's get this over and let the economy start a recovery.

I don't remember as a consumer, contacting an attorney to represent me in this law suit and they are saying that they are protecting the consumer. I say "HOG WASH"!! If we didn't like what Microsoft was doing, we would vote with our wallets, and not buy.

I think we all out to sue Ford for not letting us get Chevrolet equipment in our new car or vice versa. You can imagine all the law suits that could ensue, as they have a monopoly on what things go in

our vehicles. What about cable internet? I have only one choice where I live, why not multiple choices.

Please do prove the "age old adage" of "Common Sense isn't Common" and settle the suit.

Thank you for listening!

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